[Translation]

Hindi Computer Education

1411. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Government to boost Hindi Computer Education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). To promote use of Hindi Computers, the following steps have been initiated :

Department of Electronics has evolved a project for development of Hindi Environment for Personal Computers (PCs) covering development of PC DOS and OS/2 in Hindi. The Department also provided one time financial assistance to nine different educational institutions in India for offering Post Graduate Courses in Computer Applications (PG and DCA) in Hindi. Under another project supported by Department of Electronics, a software prototype for teaching of Hindi Grammar to Primary School children was developed at banasthali Vidyapeeth in Rajasthan. An intelligent tutoring system prototype for teaching of Hindi to foreign tourists, has been developed at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and Kendriya Hindi Santhan.

NIC conducts various short-term training programmes for the benefit of Government officials for use of computer in Hindi. During 1995, NIC, Delhi, had conducted the Word processing, Data Entry (DOS Environment) and Desk Top Publishing in Hindi.

Computer Education has already been institutionalised in Schools. Hindi ROM and Word Processors are being used alongwith those in English as per availability, in the country.

Issue of Passport to Wrong Persons

1412. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of issuance of passport to wrong persons have come to the notice of the Government during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against passport officers who were found guilty in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) the number of persons about whom information has been received about going abroad on such wrong passports during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as per Statement.

(c) Since in all these cases, passports were issued as per existing rules and the passport applications were complete in all respect with necessary documents, the question of action against any passport officers does not arise. However, all these passports were revoked/ impounded immediately by Passport Issuing Authorities upon receipt of information that they were issued to wrong persons.

(d) The number of persons who are reported to have gone abroad of fake passports during the last three years are as follows :

Year	1993	1994	1995
	130	262	290

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name	Passport No.	Date of Issue	Place of Issue
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Shri S. Ameer Farook	S-452950	22.6.1994	Madras
2.	Shri Sajid @ Zuber Mohammed Iqbal	A-694453	1.5.1991	Mumbai
3.	Mrs. Peingmala Luithui	B-286072	27.12.1991	Guwahati
4.	Shri Deen Dayal Didwania	T-688074	15.2.1983	Mumbai
5.	Navneet Didwania	T-814161	7.3.1993	Mumbai
6.	Anil Kumar Didwania	A-105842	Not known	-
7.	Manoj Kumar Didwania	R-759446	17.6.1993	-
8.	Shakti Kumar Ahmed Mohd. Musalim Shaikh @ Lamboo Shakil	S-184105	17.2.1982	Mumbai
9.	Rajendra Sadashiv Nikhalje	E-792821	27.4.1988	Dubai

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Mustafa Mohd. Umar Dosa	E-032186	20.10.1987	Dubai
11.	Mr Luingam Luithui	W-898837	28.9.1984	Delhi
12.	Mustaq Abdullah Bavani	H-407579	1.6.1990	Mumbai
13.	Muhamad Mustaq	H-119363	12.9.1991	Karachi
14.	Abdul Latif			
15.	Abdul Wahab @ Mullah			
16.	Sunder Singh	O-301995	15.6.1993	Delhi
17.	Mohd. Ameeruddin Habib	P-431284	30.6.1993	Hong Kong
18.	Salim Abdul Gani Gazi	B-918409	19.2.1987	Mumbai
19.	Abdul Rashid Mohd. Khan @ Rashid Mehmood Khan	I-069801	6.2.1991	Mumbai
20.	Shaikh Dawood Hasan	M-110522	13.11.1978	Mumbai
	@ Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar	P-537849	30.7.1979	Mumbai
21.	Ibrahim Abdul Razak Memon	H-825080	28.11 1990	Dubai
22.	Mohd. Ahmed Dosa	C-487715	5.6.1987	Mumbai
		H-900874	11.6.1991	Dubai
23.	Mohd. Shahid Nizamuddin Qureshi	B-417452	22.9.1986	Mumbai

[English]

Awareness about Contraceptive Methods

1413. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether lack of awareness and misconception about the use of contraceptive methods still hamper the efforts to bring down the birth rate in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research shows that traditional healers and trained persons could play a vital role in influencing the villagers to accept one or other method of family planning; and

(c) if so, the other points made in this study and the steps being taken by the Government to boost family welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) As per the National Family Health Survey (1992-93), 94.7% of currenctly married women aged 13-49 years in rural areas know at least one method of family planning and 94.5% know at least one modern method.

(b) and (c). A pilot study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in Muzaffarnagar district, Uttar Pradesh, showed that trained traditional medical practitioners can incluence eligible couples on family planning.

The study revealed the ways in which the traditional medical practitioners influence eligible couples. A larger study is being taken up by the ICMR.

Command Area Development Programme

1414. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Assam for the development of command areas under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme during each of the last three years; and

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) An amount of Rs. 402.5 lakhs was provided as Grant-in-aid to Assam Government under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme during the last three years with the following year-wise break-up :

Year	Grant-in-aid (Rupees in lakhs)
1993-94	202.61
1994-95	137.89
1995-96	62.00
Total	402.50